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# HMS AP Summary

April 5-7, 2011  
Silver Spring, MD

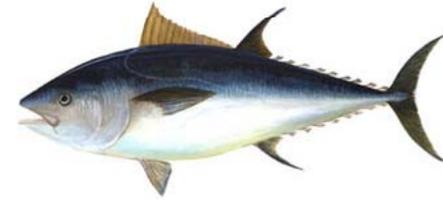
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## Caveats

- This is only a summary
- *This covers only a few high level priorities from each day*
- By “Priority” we mean an issue we should consider for rulemaking or future action
- If we missed a *significant priority*, please let us know
- Transcripts coming soon
- (Dates assume continued funding for government)
- **Changes made per AP discussion in BLUE**



## BluefinTuna

- **Geographically equitable recreational opportunities**
- **Real-time monitoring of landings and discards**
- **PLL bycatch reduction**
  - Weak hook implementation & research
  - Bycatch caps
- **Better alignment of domestic and international policies**
- **Strong concerns regarding proposed 2011 quotas**



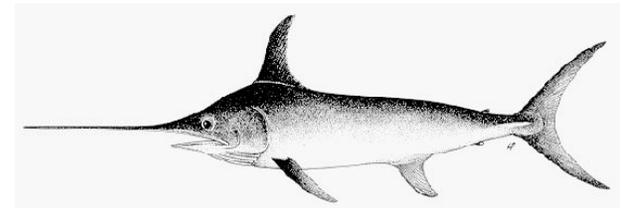
## Shark Update

- **Consider including shortfin mako in Amendment 5**
- **Questions on status of hammerheads, Amendment 5 and ICCAT rules**
- **Questions regarding savings clause in Shark Conservation Act**



# Swordfish Revitalization

- **Retention of swordfish in Atlantic trawl fisheries proposed rule – general support for preferred alternative; some concerns about smoothhound**
- **Permitting alternatives – regional commercial hand gear or extension of buoy gear (with consideration of S FL)**
- **Closely review Pelagic Longline Closed Area research results for appropriate next steps**





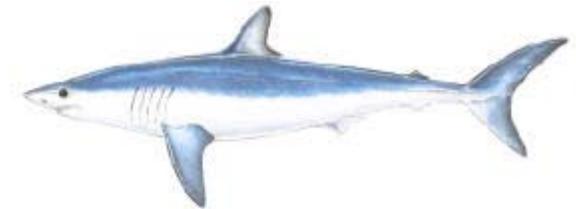
# Recreational Fisheries

- **HMS Recreational Action Plan development**
- **Improve recreational landings, effort and economic data**
- **Consider recreational HMS fisheries in northeast economic survey of ports and fisheries disaster assessments**
- **Recognize importance of YFT; how would blackfin be managed?**



# Future of the Shark Fishery

- **Strong support and interest in a Gulf of Mexico IFQ or catch share pilot program**
- **Consider regional quotas or another alternative for the Atlantic if Gulf IFQ/catch share implemented**
- **Questions about control dates and if we need one**
- **Consider historic fishermen and state shark fishermen**
- **Plan for stock rebuilding**



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# Your Priorities

Are there others?



## Looking Ahead

- BFT quota rule hearings in April; comments due April 28, 2011; inseason management;
- Trawl rule hearings @ MAFMC; comments due April 17, 2011
- Bluefin tuna ESA determination expected end of May 2011
- eDealer proposed rule coming soon
- National Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) Workshop in DC June 2011
- VMS proposed rule coming soon
- Loggerhead sea turtle ESA determination expected in Fall 2011
- National Ocean Policy strategic action plans for 9 priority objectives – public comment in summer
- Swordfish 2011 quotas proposed rule coming soon
- Shark Conservation Act of 2010 implementing proposed rule coming soon



## Future Meetings

- Fall 2011 prior to ICCAT meeting in Istanbul



Reminder!!!



Travel receipts are due  
**April 22**

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**We value your comments and your time.**

**Have a safe trip home.**